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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6385

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SUBJ: LOCKHEED L-100

DEPT PASS EXIMBANK

1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM LOCKHEED REP CURRENTLY IN LIBREVILLE, WHO TALKED WITH HOME OFFICE MAY 2, THAT SUBJECT AIRCRAFT STILL NOT FLYING BECAUSE INSURANCE CERTIFICATES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. MORALE OF GABONESE PILOTS ALSO REPORTEDLY VERY BAD; THEY ARE HAVING MONEY PROBLEMS AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOCKHEED WORRIED THAT THEY MAY BE FORGETTING MUCH OF WHAT THEY LEARNED IN GROUND SCHOOL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.

2. AS POINTED OUT IN PREVIOUS CABLES, EMBASSY HAS SEEN AND FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON NOTES OF COVERAGE FOR INSURANCE ON VALUE OF PLANE, LIABILITY OF NONPASSENGERS, FLIGHT BACK TO LIBREVILLE AND TRAINING FLIGHTS IN U.S. EMBASSY HAS NOT SEEN NOTES ON LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PASSENGER, FREIGHT, AND BAGGAGE SINCE IT BEING FORWARDED FROM PARIS HOME OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMPANY, BUT HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THE POLICIES IN EFFECT, ASSURANCES TO WHICH WE GIVE HIGHEST CREDENCE.

3. EMBASSY HOPES THAT EXIM WILL ALLOW SUBJECT AIRCRAFT TO COMMENCE TRAINING FLIGHTS EVEN IF CERTIFICATE HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT YET ARRIVED. EMBASSY CAN VOUCH FOR FACT INSURANCE

COVERAGE EXISTS; THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THAT. WHILE WE CAN
UNDERSTAND EXIM DESIRE TO HAVE INSURANCE PAPERS ON HAND,
BELIEVE CURRENT SITUATION WARRANTS IMMEDIATE EXIM APPROVAL FOR
TRAINING FLIGHTS.
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